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## Senate Executive Committee Request for Information

### Gap Funding

Submitted by: Dustin Anderson

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#### Question(s):

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What steps does the university plan to take to retain students who are dropped from their classes during the semester because they owe relatively small amounts of money?

#### Rationale:

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Dropping students can have a serious impact on enrollment both at the university and program levels. Losing these students over small amounts seems like it costs more money than the tuition students owe. Having this happen pervasively can feel like a waste of student and faculty time. Could we allow students to complete the semester for which they are registered but require them to pay before registering for a new semester or receiving grades, or drop students from one instead of all classes so they can take the courses for which they paid, or offer gap funding, or consider other options? If there are mechanisms in place for this, what are they, or how could we help students find out about these?

#### Response:

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10/16/2018, Minutes:

g. RFI on Gap Funding

Rob Whitaker, VP of Finance, said that we have a threshold that makes sure we don't drop students for small amounts of money. He addressed that number to the Senate, but noted that the threshold isn't published.



